

Remarks

Claims 48, 49, and 50 are pending. Claims 1 to 42 have been canceled. Claims 43 to 47 and 51 to 61 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter and are now canceled without prejudice to being presented in a divisional application. Claim 48 is amended. Support for the amendment may be found, for example, at page 16, lines 17-18.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 48-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 4-6 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,534,654, because the variable R is defined in column 12, lines 10-13 as the same variable as claimed herein. Claim 48 as currently amended, as well as dependent claims 49-50, are not coextensive in scope with claims 4-6 of 6,534,654. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 48-50 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,534,654. Included herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and 37 CFR 3.73(b). Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Allowance of claims 48-50, as amended, at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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